

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method is disclosed for providing a pictorial cancellation mark that may be
applied to the postage indicia on a mailpiece. The pictorial cancellation originates as a
digital image that is then printed through a printer on the mailpiece. This invention
takes advantage of the technology now available in digital printing techniques to vary
the pictorial cancellation through a variety of color, sizes, shapes, and images. Pictorial
cancellations may thus be individualized for markets, applications, and unique
10 purposes.